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Application No. 09/977,151

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Responsive to the Office Action of December 18, 2002, Applicant submits the following Amendment and Remarks. A petition for a one month extension of time is submitted herewith along with the appropriate fee to extend the due date from March 18, 2003 to April 18, 2003.

**AMENDMENTS**

***In The Specification:***

Please replace paragraph no. 67, beginning at page 15, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

[067] In one embodiment shown in FIGS. 12-13, a modified fitment 32c includes another modified gripping member in accordance with the present invention. As shown in FIGS. 12 and 13, gripping member 69c includes a

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☐ Applicant is a small entity. See 37 CFR § 1.27(c).

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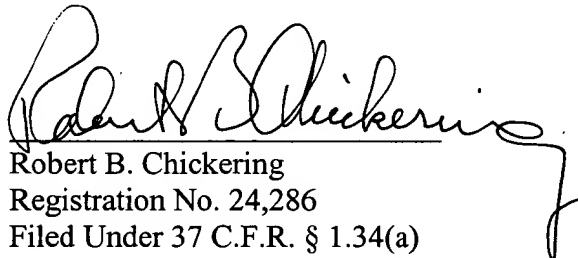
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